

## Declaration for Patent Application

Docket Number: 1533.0730001/SRL/TBB

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use Thereof in Fermentation Processes for L-Lysine Production, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_;  
as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_; and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application, which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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(Application No.) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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(Application No.) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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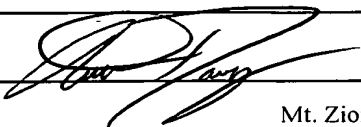
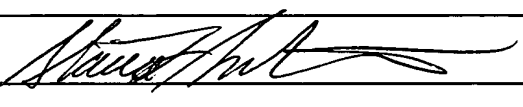
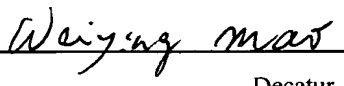
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Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 4666 Faries Parkway, Decatur, Illinois 62526, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on August 30, 1999 of an invention known as Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use Thereof in Fermentation Processes for L-Lysine Production (Attorney Docket No. 1533.0730001/SRL/TBB), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor(s) Hungming J. Liaw, John Eddington, Yueqin Yang, Richard Dancey, Stacia Swisher and Weiying Mao (said application filed on (herewith) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number (to be assigned)).

The Assignee hereby appoints the following U.S. attorneys to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; Samuel L. Fox, Esq., Reg. No. 30,353; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; Raz E. Fleshner, Esq., Reg. No. 34,331; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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